

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND
HORSE GROWERS ASSN.

ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 1975
SPRINGFIELD, COLO.

The 106th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. was called to order at 1:50 P.M. Feb. 15, 1975 by President Mick Mendenhall at the Springfield School. Calvin Thompson welcomed us to Springfield.

Pres. Mendenhall then recognized the following visiting state and local officers-Lee Spann, Jay Howe, Marshall Frazier, Bob Shoemaker, Bob Burghart Jr., Ken Clark, Eddie Dunlap and Joe Frazier.

The minutes were read and it was moved by Bill Wootten/ Calvin Thompson that they be approved. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was given. It was moved by Eddie Dunlap/ Lyman Edgar to accept the report. Motion carried.

A talk was given by CCA Pres. Lee Spann. He stated that U. S. President Gerald Ford wished to dispose of the school lunch program. Although the future does not look bright we must continue to work in all areas especially advertising.

State Brand Commissioner Jay Howe spoke about the bill that Rep. Forrest Burns was bringing before the legislature to have all cattle from out of state not branded, be branded before entering a commercial feed lot.

Bill Wootten gave a short talk on Cattle-Fax.

CCA 1st Vice-Pres. Bob Burghart Jr. reported on the Beef Development Task Force also known as the National Check-Off system.

Rep. Bob Shoemaker also gave a short talk.

The nominating committee report was given by Bill Wootten as follows: Pres.-John Givan, 1st Vice-Pres. Bill Wootten, 2nd Vice-Pres.-Harvey Lar ew, Sec.-Treas.-Lorraine Schleining, Board Members- J. D. Bloodworth, Corwin Brown, Ken Clark,

Pat Cline, Ed Dean, Eddie Dunlap, D. J. Ellenberger, Robert Fritz, Dick Klett, Joe Hasser, Lloyd Labrier, Lew Mathews, Clyde McEndree, Jim McMillin, Nick Mendenhall, Bob Morrison, Wm. E. Rose, D. J. Schleining, Calvin Thompson, Harry Wallace, and Ray Winters. It was moved by Bill Wootten/ Joe Hasser to accept this slate of officers. Motion carried.

The new Pres. John Givan conducted a discussion concerning the location of the 1976 meeting. It was moved by Eddie Dunlap/ Bill Wootten to have the board decide on this matter. Motion carried.

President Mendenhall asked for the general feeling of the Bent-Prowers Assn. concerning the National Beef Task Force. It was moved by Jim McMillin/Ker Clark that Bent-Prowers go on record to support the Beef Task Force. Following a lengthy discussion the motion carried.

The resolutions were then read by committee chairman Lew Mathews. All 13 resolutions carried on first reading except 4 and 5. They too were passed following some changes. A detailed copy is attached. A 14th resolution concerning late antelope hunting season was discussed. It was moved to have this resolution drawn up at the next board meeting. All 5 counties favored a late hunting season.

A cowbelle report was given by Cowbelle secretary, Mrs. Marlene Temple.

The meeting was adjourned for the evening banquet at which time Henry Rudolph and R. Schuyler Wolf were presented with life-time memberships.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Schleining
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Resolutions

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Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that price control and regulation of any product has been detrimental whenever applied;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association goes on record as being opposed to governmental interference with the free market system, and opposes any imposition of price controls.

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Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS, it is widely accepted that there must be wise use of our lands; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association recommends that any land use planning legislation should take into consideration the inherent right of a landowner to use it as he wishes within reason, and that land use planning is most effective on the local level.

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Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS, the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association are acutely aware of the economic loss sustained by the livestock industry as well as heavy losses of game animals and birds as a result of insufficient predator control; and, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association supports effective management of predators for preservation of wildlife and domestic animals which produce food fiber.

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RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, the Colorado Constitution provides for a highway tax fund to be used solely for the building and maintenance of interstate, state, and farm to market highways; and,

WHEREAS, this fund, at present, is not sufficient to provide adequate funds for the construction and maintenance of needed highways, which has resulted in the necessity of the Colorado Highway Commission postponing many essential highway projects requested by Colorado's various County Commissioners; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association oppose any further legislative action which would appropriate Highway User Tax money for any purposes other than for the construction and maintenance of highways and streets in the State of Colorado.

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Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS, if the people of the United States of America are going to be well fed now and in the future as they have been in the past; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association goes on record stating that the agriculture industry be allocated 100% of its current fuel needs.

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Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS, the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association are concerned with beef imports; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has the powers given him under the 1964 Import Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association goes on record requesting

- A. That, President Ford immediately invoke the powers he has limiting beef imports;
- B. That, any and all imported beef be labeled so that the consumer knows when foreign beef is being purchased; and,
- C. That, foreign beef must meet the same high inspection standards as domestic beef; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that beef imports be regulated by the relationship of beef prices to a parity system- that is, when beef prices are lower than 85% of parity no imports will be permitted, and when beef prices are above 85% parity imports can be admitted in proportion with the price relation with parity.

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Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS, certain legislatures have proposed changing the present tax assessor system; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association is unalterably opposed to any change in the present assessor's system; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association favors keeping tax assessors as elected local officials responsible to the County Commissioners.

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Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS, the present federal estate taxation is responsible for the rapid decline of the family farms and ranchers; and,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association goes on record favoring the valuation of farms and ranches for Federal Estate Tax based on the value of the land for agricultural production, only.

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Resolution No. 9

WHEREAS, there are continually increasing demands for political control of people and property; and,

WHEREAS, individual property rights are constantly under attack; and,

WHEREAS, new legislation is continually being introduced giving the right of eminent domain to various public agencies and departments; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urges the Colorado Cattlemen's Association to reiterate to our legislatures our past policy of being opposed to granting or use of any present or future or additional rights of eminent domain to any branches of local, state, or federal government.

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Resolution No. 10

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the numbers of cattle in herds in the United States; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association goes on record encouraging all cattlemen to keep their normal movement of cattle and urge cattlemen in all parts of the United States to do likewise; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that surplus choice or lower quality meat be canned and made available to Government Institutions for foreign trade and disaster relief so that beef prices can become profitable once again.

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Resolution No. 11

THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION wishes to express its appreciation to the following persons and organizations for helping with its 1975 Annual Meeting:

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Springfield School System

Springfield VFW

Arkansas Valley Journal

Lamar Tri-State Daily News

Plainsman Herald

Bent County Democrat

K L M R Radio Station

Crimond & Schemahorn

Westphall Trucking Company

LaVern Jenkins Trucking Company

Baca County Express

Brown and Associates

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Resolution No. 12

THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION cites the service of President Lee Spann, Executive Vice-President, Dave Rice, and the Directors and Board of Control of the CCA and their staff; Officers and the staff of ANCA; and, our own retiring Officers and Board Members, especially Mick Mendenhall, retiring President, as having a favorable effect on our industry the past year.

FURTHER, we would like to cite the following gentlemen for going to Washington D. C. for the entire cattle industry; Lee Spann, CCA President; Charles Bradley, immediate past President; Mick Mendenhall, Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association; Henry Blackburn, Southern Colorado Livestock Association; Tom Spencer, Pueblo Stock Growers Association; and Randy Shook, Cattle Guard.

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Resolution No. 13

WE WISH TO NOTE with regret the passing of several dedicated members and life members and express our sympathy to their families:

Dewey Lowry, Ken Steinfeld, C. C. Gooden, Felix Mundell, E. S. Beenson, and Reinhart Wollert, Sr., Claude Cathcart and John Wootten.

Our deepest sympathies are offered to these families.